

LEADGATE'S NEWS



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Leadgate Area Partnership
Charity No. 1098479



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Apologies to those people who didn't receive a copy of last month's newsletter but as you probably have guessed it was due to the weather, I didn't want volunteers ploughing through snow drifts.



RECENT DONATION:

As many of you already know, Mrs. Jean HUGHES, a resident of our village and also a former committee member of Leadgate Community Centre, recently passed away. Instead of flowers, it was Jean's wish that donations be made and divided between the Community Centre and Rosemount Residential Home at Consett. On behalf of the members and Committee of the Community Centre, I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the HUGHES family for this donation.



As you know at the beginning of this month we had some of the worst snow falls of the Winter, in fact we haven't had this much snow for quite a few years. This promoted a man and woman, who I presume live in the village, to take hot soup to the residents of The Haven bungalows. One of the recipients of the soup was so grateful she rang and asked if I would put it in this month's newsletter and publicly thank them. Apparently the soup was delicious and on behalf of all those who received some I would like to thank the couple for their kindness.



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SURGERY

SURGERY NEWS - MISSED APPOINTMENTS:

Well done everyone, another month has passed and the decrease continues: February, 2018 had 150 missed appointments, which is equivalent to 38 per week and February, 2017 had 159 missed, equivalent to 40 per week.

This decrease isn't much but if we keep it up, it will make a huge difference by the end of the year. Waiting times for appointments can be long but this can be overcome with patients' help, if you are unable to keep your appointment please cancel it and allow someone else the chance to have it.



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

This month's Partnership meeting was held on Wednesday, 21st March, 2018 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.

At last month's meeting questions were raised about fencing that had been erected on verges at the bottom of Durham Road, this month's meeting was informed this fencing has now been removed.

Activities to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ending of World War One are continuing:

- (i) a cross is to be placed at Leadgate Methodist Church
- (ii) hopefully Leadgate Methodist Church will hold a World War One afternoon tea sometime in June, tickets will be available and will cost £1 each
- (iii) on 8th November, 2018 Leadgate Workingmen's Club will host a 'sing-along' attended by the Glendale Singers and the C.B.S. choir, there will be a raffle, tickets will be £1 each and children will be free

The chair of the Partnership, Miss Linda PEARS, is hoping to visit Leadgate Scouts and have them make papier-mache poppies. Monies to purchase the British Legion's 'Silent Soldiers' has been received. So far as the parade from the Old Co-op Store is concerned, nothing has yet been finalised.

An application for funding made to the Heritage Lottery Fund has been refused, however £500 has been received from the 'Project Genesis Trust' and on 26th April, 2018 weather permitting, a presentation of the cheque will be held at the War Memorial in Durham Road, if bad weather, the presentation will take place in the Community Centre.

It would be really wonderful if everyone in the village could make just one poppy. A pattern for a simply poppy is available from the foyer of the Community Centre.

The new 40/30 m.p.h. speed signs have been erected on the road between Leadgate and Villa Real. Local Councillors are to be asked if something can be done about the huge pot holes on the road between Park Villas and Dunelm Way. Trees have been cut back on the road from Iveston to the round-a-bout at the bottom of Durham Road. Rumours are still circulating about the closure of Shotley Bridge Hospital but hopefully if this does happen, we will still have some form of hospital in the locality.

PCSO Alex CAVE was present at this month's meeting and the question of dog fouling was raised. Some of the worst affected areas are Watling Wood, the Eden Football Field and C2C track. Also it has been noticed that home owners open their doors and allow their animals to run free and this has been more noticeable during the recent snow: Council representatives are to be invited to Leadgate Primary School to talk to the children about this problem.

In last month's Newsletter, under the heading **MANUFACTURING DEVELOPMENT (BRADLEY INDUSTRIAL ESTATE)** - this extension (if approved by Durham County Council Planning) will be at the top area of Werdohl Way with minimal incursion into Bradley Wood – this should have read Watling Wood.



POLICE REPORT

Durham Constabulary Officers are continuing to engage with the public at local events and during foot patrol to hear concerns that residents have. If anyone has any concerns or questions for Officers, don't be afraid to speak to them if you see them around.

Previously there have been issues highlighted of dog fouling in green areas around the village. Officers intend to patrol these areas and any person observed not cleaning up after a dog could face a fine.

If anyone has any concerns or would like crime prevention advice, you can contact a local officer on 101 or email alexander.cave2@durham.pnn.police.uk
PCSO 8107 Alex CAVE

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CLUES

DOWN

- 1. Kidnapped person (7)
 - 5. Coffee bar (4)
 - 7. Rodent (3)
 - 8. Three-hulled vessel (8)
 - 9. Expel from a property (5)
 - 10. Burden (4)
 - 13. Golf pegs (4)
 - 14. Reflection of sound (4)
 - 18. Cedar say (4)
 - 19. Two times (5)
 - 21. Having a pleasant smell (8)
 - 22. Everything (3)
 - 23. Become a member (4)
 - 24. Lends an ear (7)
- 1. Toughened by experience (8)
 - 2. Wait patiently (3,5)
 - 3. Shrewd (6)
 - 4. Eatable (6)
 - 5. Neckwear item (6)
 - 6. Young horse (4)
 - 11. Dainty (8)
 - 12. In addition to (2,4,2)
 - 15. Primary source (6)
 - 16. Recollect (6)
 - 17. Rank (6)
 - 20. Approximately (2,2)

/Answers overleaf



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting of the Community Centre took place on Monday, 26th March, 2018 at 6 p.m. As there were no other nomination, the existing committee were all re-elected and are as follows:

- Chairperson: Mr. Malcolm D’NORTHWOOD
- Secretary: Miss Brenda SURTEES
- Treasurer: Mrs. Jennifer WALKER
- Committee members: Miss Stephanie Walker: Miss Tracy WALKER

The Annual General Meeting of the Leadgate Area Partnership will be held on Wednesday, 16th May, 2018 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH’S UNANSWERABLE QUESTION



Last month’s unanswerable question (or I thought it was unanswerable) was “Why does a round pizza come in a question box?” I have to inform you someone has sent me the answer. The question is similar to “You can’t fit a square peg into a round hole”, however if the hole is bigger than you can: you put a round pizza into a larger square box to allow space to get your hand in to remove a slice of pizza. To the person who sent me this answer many thanks



ST. IVES ‘100 CLUB’ MONTHLY DRAW:

The winning numbers for March, 2018 are as follows:
1st prize – No. 29: 2nd prize – No. 48:



ANOTHER UNANSWERABLE QUESTION:

What disease did cured ham actually have?



DIARY FOR APRIL, 2018



2nd St. Ives' Church Bingo, 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



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6th Leadgate Methodist Church Lunch Club, 12 noon for 12.15 p.m.

7th Salvation Army coffee morning, 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall



8th Leadgate Taskforce Spring Craft Fayre, held in the Community Centre between 11 am – 2 pm, admission £1



9th Salvation Army Ladies Fellowship, 7 p.m. in the Army Hall, talk/dealing with recycling



14th Pont and Bradley Chapel coffee morning, 10 a.m. in the Church Hall



16th Leadgate Women's Institute meeting, 2 p.m. in the Community Centre, demonstration by the 'Body Shop', competition a cosmetic bag

18th Leadgate Area Partnership meeting, 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



21st Two coffee mornings today:
10.15 am – St. Ives' Church held in the Community Centre
10.30 am – Salvation Army held in the Army Hall



30th St. Ives' Church bingo, 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



Bingo sessions are held every Monday and Saturday in the Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. and at 1 p.m. on Thursday in Leadgate Workingmen's Club.



The Centre's Legacy Gym is open every morning except Sunday between 9 am - 12 noon and Monday to Friday between 5 pm – 7 pm Leadgate Salvation Army has a Parent/Carer and 'Toddler Group, every Tuesday 9.15 am – 11 am, it's just £1 per child



**If you have any items you wish to have published or advertised, any comments you wish to make, please let us know before 18th April, 2018, the contact name and telephone number is as follows:
Brenda SURTEES, 01207 507506**



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CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

ACROSS: 1 Hostage: 5 Café: 7 Rat: 8 Trimaran: 9 Evict: 10 Load: 13 Tees: 14 Echo: 18 Tree: 19 Twice: 21 Fragrant: 22 All: 23 Join: 24 Listens. **DOWN:** 1 Hardened: 2 Sit tight: 3 Astute: 4 Edible: 5 Cravat: 6 Foal: 11 Delicate: 12 As well as: 15 Origin: 16 Recall: 17 Status: 20 Or so.